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1. Only one camp has been set up in Rumania for Communist "deviationists": Sighet, a special camp for purged Communists near Sighet (department of Maramureş) in the northern part of Rumania, near the Czechoslovak border. This was formerly a transfer camp for Rumanian prisoners coming back from the USSR. It is one of the best guarded and most isolated Rumanian camps. No one has any real information as to what goes on behind its barbed wire.
2. There are two camps for priests.
 - a. Ploesti: A special camp built near the city limits for Orthodox priests who refuse to cooperate with the Communists. Five hundred priests were interned there at the end of 1952.
 - b. Vlăniţa: More than a thousand priests are interned in the camp at Vlăniţa, Transylvania.
3. There are also two internment camps for children.
 - a. Haţeg: This is south of the city of Deva, Department of Hunedoara, Transylvania. The camp was built for this purpose in the city of Haţeg. It confines children taken from their parents during 1952. They are aged between nine and sixteen.
 - b. Craiova: Eight hundred of the Greek children, taken from their families in Greece by the Communists formerly fighting there, have been brought from the USSR. They are now in a suburb of the city of Craiova.

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